

# Exhibit 6

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK IMMIGRATION  
COALITION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 1:18-cv-5025 (JMF)

**DEFENDANTS' SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF  
INTERROGATORIES TO DEFENDANTS UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE AND WILBUR ROSS**

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26, 33, and 34, Defendants United States Department of Commerce and Wilbur Ross submit these supplemental objections and responses to Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories to Defendants United States Department of Commerce and Wilbur Ross, as modified by Plaintiffs' counsel by email dated August 27, 2018.

**OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES**

**Interrogatory No. 1.** With regard to the document found in the Administrative Record at 1321, please IDENTIFY:

- a. the "senior Administration officials" who "previously raised" reinstating the citizenship question;
- b. the "various discussions with other government officials about reinstating a citizenship question to the Census";
- c. the consultations Secretary and his staff participated in when they "consulted with Federal governmental components";
- d. the date on which the "senior Administration officials" who "previously raised" reinstating the citizenship question first raised this subject with SECRETARY ROSS or with COMMERCE; and
- e. all PERSONS with whom, to the knowledge of COMMERCE and SECRETARY ROSS, the "senior Administration officials had previously raised" reinstating the citizenship question.

**Objections:**

Defendants object to this interrogatory to the extent that it seeks (a) communications or information protected by the attorney-client privilege or (b) communications or information protected by the deliberative-process privilege.

Defendants further object to this interrogatory as vague and overbroad to the extent it seeks information about meetings or conversations with government officials and other persons whose identities are immaterial to the claims in this litigation, and because the burden of responding is disproportionate to the needs of this case.

**Response:**

After conducting a diligent search, Defendants do not distinguish among the terms used synonymously in the Secretary's Supplemental Memorandum: "senior Administration officials," "other government officials," and officials at other "Federal governmental components". In order to respond as fully as possible to this interrogatory, Defendants therefore will construe subparts a, b, and c, as coextensive and will identify, as a single group, the individuals within the executive branch but outside the Department of Commerce who, before the December 12, 2017 Department of Justice letter, and as referenced in the Secretary's Supplemental Memorandum, either (a) discussed the citizenship question with Secretary Ross, (b) had raised or discussed whether to reinstate a citizenship question, or (c) were consulted by Secretary Ross or his staff regarding whether the Department of Justice would support, and if so would request, inclusion of a citizenship question as consistent with and useful for enforcement of the Voting Rights Act. In accordance with that interpretation, and subject to and without waiving the above objections, Defendants identify the following individuals:

Mary Blanche Hankey, James McHenry, Gene Hamilton, Danielle Cutrona, John Gore and Jefferson Sessions. Although Kris Kobach is not a "government official" within the meaning of the Supplemental Memorandum, the Defendants identify him nonetheless for

the sake of completeness. Lastly, the Defendants cannot confirm that the Secretary spoke to Steve Bannon regarding the Citizenship Question. However, since the current Administrative Record indicates that Mr. Bannon was attempting to put Mr. Kobach in touch with the Secretary, the Defendants are also listing Mr. Bannon for the sake of completeness.

With respect to Interrogatory 1, subparagraphs a, d, and e, as reflected in the Administrative Record, Secretary Ross discussed the possible reinstatement of a citizenship question on the 2020 decennial census with Attorney General Sessions in August 2017. In addition, it is possible that the two had an additional discussion concerning this issue, and although the date of that conversation is unknown, Defendants believe it took place earlier in 2017.

As to Interrogatories, see Verification page *infra*.

As to objections:

Dated: August 30, 2018

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**CERTIFICATION OF EARL COMSTOCK**

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing supplemental response to Plaintiffs' Interrogatory No. 1 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, belief, understanding, or recollection, with the understanding that the Department of Commerce is continuing to research its responses to Plaintiffs' interrogatories and reserves the right to further supplement its responses.

Dated: September 5, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Earl Comstock', written over a horizontal line.

Earl Comstock